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EDUCATION RECONSTRUCTION PLAN IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has taken any steps to allocate funds for education reconstruction plan in Gujarat in view of the vast damage caused to educational institutions due to earthquake on the 26th January, 2001; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) & (b): The government have earmarked Rs.150 crore under the Gujarat Education Reconstruction Plan. The Plan provides for opening cluster learning centres which will act as nodal centres for dealing with the psychological trauma of the affected children. Besides, crÃ¨ches would also be opened at these centres for smaller children, as would a number of new anganwadi centres under the Integrated Child Development Services Programme.

The measures also include the reconstruction of school buildings, a separate plan for colleges and universities that have suffered damages as well as assistance from AICTE for providing equipment and computers etc. damaged in the earthquake. The technical institutions which were completely destroyed would be allowed to function from rented premises in relaxation of the extant rules.